THE WIDE-AWAKE CIRCLE Boys' and Girls' Department,

Where aquirrels play in the sunshine Where the prettiest flowers are found When he knows of a pair of robins
That will fly to his hand for crumbs.
He hates to be penned in a school room.
And he's glad when Saturday comes.

There's a bee tree on the hillside,
But I'll not tell anyone where;
There's a school of trout in the mill-

And I want to go fishing there. know where an oriole's building, And a log where a partridge drums, nd I'm going to the woods to see them As soon as Saturday comes.

They shouldn't keep school in the spring-When the world is so fresh and bright, When you want to be fishing and climb-

And playing from morning till night. 's a shame to be kept in a school-room Writing and working out sums: All week it's like being in prison.

And I'm glad when Saturday comes.

UNCLE JED'S TALK TO WIDE.

We think we do not like to work-that work is something to be gotten through with to that we can run off to play. It doesn't seem as if we would ever tire of just playing. However, without work we

Patrasche was a Flemish dog. Before he was a value which has until tately been underestimated—if not entirely overlocked—a heating value for folks who are sick particularly those who are sick in their minds.

A Flemish Dog and His Two Masters.

Patrasche was a Flemish dog. Before he was fully grown he was bought by a tinware peddler, who made him draw a cart full of pots and pans.

It was fortunate that Patrasche was very strong, otherwise he would have died under the heavy burdens, the severe lashings, the hunger, the thirst, the blows with which the peddler repaid his hard work.

their minds.

Hospitals are seeing the value of work for their patients nowadays, and some are trying to provide occupations that will help them to forget themselves in the joy of making something. Work is proving steelf to be a great medicine, and After a time there came allow.

After a time there came allow. thas an advantage, too, that few medicine, and it has an advantage, too, that few medicines have—it is good not only for sick but for well people, and it is right at an earlied it home. The old man tend-

work it is not believed that there is a wide-Awake who does not also like to work it is natural for a Wide-Awake to want to be doing something—the very name indicates it—and play doesn't by any means entirely satisfy that ambition. Those who are bound up in their work are invariably the most contented and the nost successful.

**Seemed surprised to hear no curses and to feel no blows from his new master. The first day after the dog got well and strong he watched the old man as he started off with his milk cans. The next morning before his master had touched the cart, Patrasche walked to it and placed himself between the shafts. At length the old man allowed the dog to draw the cart, and never did a dog go more joyfully to play than this animal went to his daily task.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS. 1-Agnes E, Schreier of Stafford Springs-The Campfire Girls Amid the

I-Heles T. Greene of Plainfield-Uncle Wiggily's Automobile 2-Bussell Beckwith of South Wind-Betlish Artillery

-Alice Cyr of Norwich-Sandy The winners of prize books living in the Bulletin business office after 10 a. m.

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Marjorie Williams of Norwich-I reneived your prize book entitled Sanford and Merton, for which I think you very much. I have read it through twice and ter.

Eleanor A. Kaminski of Norwich-Many thanks for the prize book which I I read it through and found it

LETTERS WRITTEN BY WIDE-

including Who's Who in Navy Blue. The Stars and Stripes Forever and Swance, which Mr. Sousa composed himself. There was the vocal singer who sans

Then followed the harpist's two selections and those following were Dardanella and a few others which completed the concert. I never heard anything like it

RUSSELL BECKWITH, Age 11.

A Queer Place for Kittens. Wednesday we heard a kitten crying.

We didn't know where it was. Finally we found out it was in the wall. Thursday father dug a hole in the wall. He found two little kittens. One of the gittens was a tiger kitten. The other one was a gray a tiger kitten. The other one was a gray mattene. One was given away. The other one was drowned. Afterwards we found another kitten in the attic.
ISABEL KENNEDY, Age 10.

A Long and Nice Trio.

Bear Uncle Jed Well, here I am back again from my trip out west, and I will try and tell you about it. We had a very nice trip. There yere my pana and mamma, my brother Lewis, grandma and join for he was the only one to support nice trip. There were my papa and mamma, my brother Lewis, grandma and grandpa and my friend Esther in our party. Papa drove the car and as we

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WIDE-AWAKE POETRY.

A Bay's Protest.

When a fellew knows every bird's nest In the fields for miles around, where aquirrels play in the sunshine.

Where aquirrels play in the sunshine.

We had a thunder storm every day or hight while we were there. One girl' I saw was Eva Gregory, and then we went saw was Eva Gregory, and then we went to Scranton. I met another girl whose name was Romaine Dolling. I thought it was a funny name, but she was e nice girl. She invited Eather and I to her house to supper and we went. We cri-

terial to supper and we went. We enjoyed ourselves very much. After ten days of visiting and sightseeing we started for home. There had been a cloudburst so we had to go around several miles to a place called Galilee, but not he one it tells about in the Bible. We arrived home tells about in the Bible. We arrived home safe and sound and found everything all right. My uncle and Aunt Cutler kept house for us while we were away. Home looked good to us, for all we had such a nice time. There is no place like home. Well, my school soon begins, also my music lessons, and I am glad, for I like both. Will say good-bye for this time. HELEN TURNER GREENE, Age 3. Plainfield.

My Trip to Mt. Tom.

Dear Uncle Jed: We started at 3 o'clock Sunday morning and had a lovely ride to Springfield and then to Mt. Tom. Then we went up in the car. We looked in some funny microscopic. in some funny mirrors and we looked in a telescope and saw Mt. Holyoke. After we had seen all the pretty things we started for home. I would like to go

FANNY ROBINSON, Age 9.

A Flemish Dog and His Two Masters.

Regardiess of how much you like to play, it is not believed that there is a

DIANA DOYON, Aged 13,

Confused By the Initials. It was Valentine Day in Boxville, and all the children of the little school were on their way to play and studies. Al-most every child carried a small envel-ope in his or her hand, *

seell Beckwith of South WindBoy Volunteers With the Artillery.

See Cyr of Norwich—Sandy of Crane. Rosemary was short and Pretty.

She had dark curly hair, brown eyes, and a small mouth. Her chum, Ruth, business office after 10 a. m.

ERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Fire Williams of Norwich—I revenue will be an obtained by the state of the property of the was about twelve years of age a years or two older than either girl. His face was covered with freekles, and his hands and feet were so large he never knew what to do with them. He admired both girls but liked Rosemary the better.

All the children had by this time arrived at the schoolhouse. They marched up, the other guard went to his duty in single file to the front of the room and found the first guard dead.

When the three hours were Mrs. Burke Ewing of Gr with the first guard went to his duty ain, Miss Fanny Brown and found the first guard dead. and all put their valentines in a large box, then went to their seate,
After the roll call the teacher went to

the box and as she picked out the val-entines and read off the names, the girl or boy to whom it belonged would step up and get it.

Hearing Sousa's Band.

A short time ago Sousa's band was heard in Willimantic, and I was lucky should to hear it.

I went the dischefore and stayed with relatives till Thereday afternoon, when the concert was held.

The pieces were fine, especially those including Who's Who in Navy Blue. The Stars and Stripes Forever and Swance, which Mr. Sousa composed himself. the exercises of Valentine's Day because he thought of the end of school when Rosemary would come up to him and thank him for the valentine. Then he would ask her if he could take her to the valentine party at Sophy Bean's house. But the fun was all spoiled now, because he had not his inticle and because he had put his initials on the valentine instead of his full name. Raymond went home and nearly cried

Stafford Springs.

Dick in the Trenches

So one day while he was going to work he bought a newspaper and read as follows: 'Lusitania Sunk by German Submarine.'' After thinking it over. Submarine." After thinking it over, and thinking it was right to fight for his country, he walked to a recruiting sta-tion, and went in. They asked him bow old he was and he told them his age and old he was and he told them his age and after answering many questions they took him. He enlisted for the United States infantry to go overseas as soon as nossible. He went home and told his mother. She sighed, but after a while she recognized what it meant to go and do his duty. So a few days later Dick said good-hye to his mother and went said good-bye to his mother and went away. He was ready to start when someone handed him a note. It came from his dear mother and said: "I wish "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" is genuine Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for over iwenty years. Accept only an unbroken "Gayer package" which contains proper directions to relieve Headache, Toothache, Earache, Neuraigin, Rheumatism, Colds and Pain. Handy tin boxes of 12 tablets costs few cents, Fruggists also sell larger "Bayer packages." Aspirin is trade mark Eayer Manufacture Monoaceticacity of Salicylloacid.

pened to look on the left side and saw a gold medal pinned on his coat with a nice red, white and blue ribbon engraved "Croix de Guerre." LEO PELTIER, Aged 13. Taftville.

The Fox. There was once upon a time a greedy fox, who, in the course of his travels, came to a beautiful garden where he beheld all kinds of trees laden with julcy fruits. The fox rubbed his stomach, at the sight of it. But a very high wall

The fox walked around and around in search of an entrance but found only a tiny opening in the wall. This was too small for his big body. "How shall I get in." he growled. He scratched his bead and then exclaimed, "I have it, I will fest until the scratched his fast with the scratched his bead and then exclaimed, "I have it, I will fest until the scratched his bead and then exclaimed, "I have it, I will fest until the scratched his bead and then exclaimed, "I have it, I will fest until the scratched his bead and then exclaimed, "I have it, I will fest until the scratched his bead and then exclaimed in the scratched his bead and then exclaimed in the scratched his bead and then exclaimed in the scratched his bead and the scratched his bead his bead and the scratched h I will fast until my body can squeeze in." So he fasted three days and crawl-ed into the garden. He leaped for joy and ate until it seemed he would burst. Suddenly he grew pale with fear as he thought of the keeper of the garden. "Suppose he should see me? I am in a fine fix," said the fox. "There is only one way out for me to escape, and that is to fast until I become thin once more."

The fox fasted for three days and after much pain made his escape. When he was outof danger he looked back at the garden and said, "Garden, garden you are indeed charming and tempting! But of what benefit are you to me. What have I now for all my suffering and cunning? I am just as lean now as I was when I entered your walls."

It is even so with man. We come into the world with nothing and we leave it with nothing. Why do were and

it with nothing. Why do wrong and exercise combing to accurre that which we cannot take with u.*?

SYLVIA ALOFSIN, Age 14.

A Much Deserved Dip. One fine day in winter some boys thought they would go skating on the ice if it would bear them. Bill and Jack were taiking, a while when Jack suggested that they call on Charlie as they passed his house. "Hey, Charlies," said Jack, "Cam you go skating at Brown's pond?" "I think so," said Charlie, "wait a minute." Soon the three boys trotted off, talking of everything but school.

When they reached the pond they put their skates on and began, "Hey, boys," said Jack, "do you want to see me make a circle in the ice?" Off he started, but he was well mistaken, for he fell in. He One fine day in winter some boys

he was well mistaken, for he fell in. He called for help and when Charlie and Bill heard his cries they ran to his rescue. He was heard to say on the way home. "No more pletters for the way home." ome, "No more skating for me."
EDITH M. DEVIT, Aeg 11.

2, and we all went to Ocean Beach on the steamer Nelseco. We left Norwich at 10 a.m. There was candy, ice cream and other things on the boat. When we got to Ocean Beach I and some friends went to see the merry-go-round. I saw a lot of people in the wa-ter.

By this time It was time to eat ou by this time it was time to eat our lunch. When we had finished our lunch we took a walk. I had a very good time. Our church bell was ringing at 7 a. m. to let us know that we were going. We left Ocean Beach at 5.30 p. m. and I got home

BERTHA PENHABLOW, Age 15.

and the colonel told the guard to shoot Clara and Sarah Johnson, Miss H. whenever he heard a noise. The guard Hatch, Mrs. C. R. Utley, Mrs. A. said that he would shoot no matter Clifford, Mrs. Ada Larrabee, Miss M what he would shoot no matter what he was shooting at. So the guard went about his duty.

It was about the second hour and the guard thought he heard a noise and looking around he saw a not the second hour and the guard thought he heard a noise and looking around he saw a not the second hour and the guard thought he heard a noise and looking around he saw a not the saw and the saw and the saw a not the saw and the saw and the saw and the saw a not the saw and the saw an

not shoot the pig.

A little while afterwards he thought he heard another noise like that of a man. Looking around he saw the pig raise a knife and was about to strike R. I. when he shot and killed him. He called the woners and the control of the

ed the general and the general said it was not a hog but a disguise of a hog. The general said later that it was an In-dian and the guard got a medal for kill-STANISLAW FRONACZEK, Age 13.

At Atlantic Beach,

Dead Uncle Jed: I have not written to you for a long time. I am going to write hat one of the other boys ever put their names on, only their initials, and he had believed her. Now she could laugh at him. But after all the laugh was on her because Rosemary, when she was not her because Rosemary, when she was lead to be heard about it. felt very sorry for him and told him he could take her to the valentine party that night. So he went home from school happy.

AGNES E. SCHREIER.

Dead Uncle Jed: I have not written to you for a long time. I am going to write all sounds the Sunday school picnic. We had it at Atlantic beach and went on the trolley car, leaving at a quarter past nine. When we got there we didn't go while in bathing right away, but after awhile we did. We had are own bathing suits and lunch. The ocean was awful cold, so we went over in Brightman's pond across the car track. It was warm there. We atte our lunch on the heach with our bathing suits on the beach with our bathing suits on the ded uring August, will be resumed on Thursday at 7:36. Dead Uncle Jed: I have not written to It was warm there. We ate our lunch on the beach with our bathing suits on. Then we went in again. We went home on the quarter of six car. It was a very pleasant picnic. We are going to the heach armin this week. pleasant picnic. We are going to the beach again this week.

BETTY BENSON, Age 9.

North Stonington.

Of the four seasons of the year I enjoy spring the most. It is wonderful to from 3 to 6. There were fancy and ited relatives here Sunday. useful articles, aprons, vigletables, cake Deacon Alfred B. Burdick of New sleep through the cold winter. Now that the pussy-willows have arrived. The lit-tle violets ad daffodils will soon be here, and all the little field flowers. It will be beautiful in the woods when the trees are beautiful in the woods when the trees are covered with green leaves and the lit-tle birds singing all day and building their nests getting ready for their lit-tle baby birds to arrive everything seems so wonderful. I am so full of expecta-tion I just wish that I could go ahead and plant my garden right away. It is such a joy to me when I see the first of the little green sprouts come up. Then I look forward to the arrival of my summer vacation.

MAUDE HAMMEL, Age 14.

A Trip to the Country. Carl was a poor lad who lived in New York with his feeble old grandfather. Sometimes he blacked boots and at other times sold papers. He siid not earn much by this, and when he did not have a good day it meant that he and his grandfather

would have to go to bed hungry.

When Carl made his daily round he thought, "What if dear old grandfather should die?" It was he who kept Carl from being what most street boys are.
At length the old man could not see or hear, but the lac's love for him now be-came still greater. He cared for the old man as if he had been a child. Carl knew the old man could not live long, but when died it seemed as if he could never



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rappy again.

When he went to work again, for even n his grief he had to live, his face and unusually pathetic brown eyes looked very pleading.

One day Carl did not sell many papers and he had almost given up, when a gen-tieman touched him on the shoulder and inquired, "Good luck today, little man?" Carl's lips trembled as he answered, "No very, sir." Something in the stranger man's name, put out his hand and said "I live on a little farm near Syracuse and am going home tomorrow. Com with me and for once look at a free

Esther's Dream.

Last Saturday when I was walking to the, store I met Esther, who told me about a remarkable dream she had the they reached the farm Mr. Hall's wife looked up surprised and said: "What he were about to put coal into the men were about to put coal into the men were about to put coal into the men were about to put coal into the base where a man and the said of the men were about to put coal into the base where a man and the said of the men were about to put coal into the base where a man and the men were about to put coal into the base where a man and the man an

A Strange Hog.

During the Revolutionary war, a guard was sent out on duty. He was to guard for three hours and another would take

Miss Reliner, Mrs. Halsey Kelley and Miss Abigal W. Bates of New York, The guard ran and called the colonel Leffingwell, Miss Grace Bates, Misses and the colonel told the guard to shoot Clara and Sarah Johnson, Miss H. C.

guard thought he heard a noise and looking around he saw a pig. He thought it would be foolish and he would be laughed at if he shot a pig. So he did the nig.

So he did heard the nig.

So he did heard a noise and miss Ellen Huntington, Miss Adenauce Miss Pardee and Mrs. S. W. Throop of Lebanon motored to Windhood the nig. church Sunday morning.

Miss Marian Potter has been visiting

relatives in Providence and Edgewood.

has joined his family at Charles Larra-bee's for the remainder of his vacation. Mrs. Halsey Kelley of New York and her daughter, Mrs. Burke Ewing of Grand Rapids, Mich., who have been guests of the Misses Johnson went to

In former secretary of the American board tains, cck. was at one time paster. W. The midweek prayer meeting of take congregational church, which was omit-

Henry E. Parry is in New York for a few days.

George Cook is able to be out again guest of

after having been confined to the house Paul B. Irish. by illness.
The ladies of St. Paul's church held

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P. C. U. convention at Murray Grove. the Niat convention at Murray Grove. Good Luck, N. J.

The personal property of the late uther Crawford was sold at auction on Saturday, the 28th Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boardman and daughter of Norwich and Mrs. Martha Thompson of Monson have been the street. have been the street.

guests of Mrs. James Johnson.

William Rudd and Cortland Pitzsimmons of New York city and William Elack and Frederick Glover have been camping at Westford. Thursday they entertained an auto party and Friday they fentertained Chester Hardin of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Rudd and Mr. Fitz-Baltimore, Md. Mr. Rudd and Mr. Rudd and Mr. Fitz-Baltimore, Md. Mr. Rudd and guests of Mrs. James Johnson camping at Westford. Thursday they entertained an auto party and Friday they tentertained Chester Hardin of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Rudd and Mr. Fitz-simmons hiked from New York to Stafford via the Mohawk trail.

and Mrs. B. J. Fox.

Mrs. Sarah Black and Miss Hannah
Black were recent guests of J. W. Armirecently entertained her parents, Mr. and

inge of Westford Hill.

Mrs. Eva Bugbee is visiting relatives Mrs. Upham of Worcester is visiting her sister, Mrs. Emily Goodell. Misses Goldie Hancock and Stgrid anniversary of the Suiton Congregational Johnson and Norman Phillips and Albert hurch, where her uncle, Hiram Tracy, a Hancock are touring the White moun-

ROCKVILLE

Miss Cora Irish of Providence is the ruest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boss and Ernest Boss were visitors at Laurel Glen Sunday. Arthur G. Burdick of New London vis-

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week, and then we'll see what's to be done. And as you may guess that after a fire o'clock teas within special music.

At St. Paul's church hely communion will be celebrated in the morning and the afternoon service will be held at Shakespeare. On several occasions he lectured among the summer colony at Black Point and Eastern Point. The writer has been informed that Dr. Abbott

> New York city. It is said this sum was \$10,000. Mrs. M. R. Davis, president of the Niantic Sunshine society, met Dr. Ab-bott on several occasions when he at-tended the International Sunshine con-Austin Reed has returned to his home

gave a certain sum of his proceeds from

simmons hiked from New York to Stafford via the Mohawk tfail.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moriarty and family of Hartford have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Moriarty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fox.

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